

THE PIONEER.

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STATE ELECTION.

[ELECTION TUESDAY, OCTOBER ELEVENTH.]

For Governor,
WILLIAM MEDILL, of FAIRFIELD.
Lieut. Governor,
LESTER BLISS, of ALLEN.
Secretary of State,
WILLIAM TREVITT, of FRANKLIN.
Treasurer of State,
JOHN G. HESLIN, of SENECA.
Judge of Supreme Court,
THOMAS W. BARTLEY, of RICHLAND.
Attorney General,
GEORGE W. MCCOOK, of JEFFERSON.
Board of Public Works,
WAYNE GRISWOLD, of PICKAWAY.

Thursday, : : : : : August 19.

Senatorial Convention.

The Democrats of the District composed of the counties of Seneca, Crawford and Wyandot, will meet in convention at UPPERSANDUSKY, on Tuesday, the 6th day of September next, to nominate one Senator and one member of the State Board of Equalization for said District.

By order of the Central Committee.
July 29th, 1853.

The Issues between the Old Parties are Dead.

We find the following in the Chillicothe Advertiser, and believe it correct: Never yet have we known a political organization of any kind to spring up, but what its leaders were profane and dogmatic in the assertion that the issues which hitherto had divided the two leading parties were extinct, and that now an organization is maintained to secure the spoils of office alone. These men, and it is not unfrequently happens that a large proportion of them are men who could not figure in the organization to which they were previously attached, to that extent that they conceived their high attainments and qualifications entitled them to pretend to an unusual amount of disinterestedness and sincerity, while they deny any such actuating motives to those who regard themselves as acting in the strict line of duty, by continuing their past party association.

'The issues of the old parties are dead, and the contest now seems to be, which party shall become the more servile in its devotion to Southern slavery,' is the burden of the Free-Soiler's declamation. He invokes the Democrat to desert the colors under which he has so long fought, and enlist in the Free Soil party, where he is told political perfection has its abiding. Perhaps this man, as is the case in most instances, in years past, was a bitter Whig, and a violent denouncer of Democratic principles and of Democratic measures, as calculated to work the ruin of the country, and prove an insurmountable barrier to the onward march of enterprise and civilization. He did not insinuate this in a doubtful manner; but asserted it with broad emphasis, as though the guardian of the future had drawn aside the veil that he might read it. With steady pace time moved onward, and has carried you far past the abyss over which you were to be precipitated head-long into inextinguishable ruin. You were strong in the faith that the result would be just as it is; at least you could not reconcile it with your judgment, how legislation, State and National, based upon true equality as nearly as man could devise it, could possibly work a disaster so grievous. Your common sense and observation, alike, taught you that upon the race course, if horses were entered upon precisely the same terms, if the skill and weight of the riders were precisely the same, and no choice as to ground, the issue would be controlled by the fleetness of the steeds, and pretexts for unfairness obviated; but that if two horses were entered, and an attempt to load down one of the horses with extra weights, would be injustice the most rank. Perhaps to some this illustration is not sufficiently classic; but the matter compressed to its pith is, the world is but the race course for mankind, and the Whig party, under various names, has all along exhibited a deep seated determination to take all conceivable weights from the steed representing the manufacturing, banking and corporation interest, and putting them on the steed representing the merchandizing mechanical and laboring interests of the country.

To the extent of your ability, you have warred against this abomination. If old in the service of the party, year after year have you gone up to the ballot box, as annually goeth up to Mecca the disciple of Mahommed, and plighted a renewal of your faith by voting the Democratic ticket. In the days of '40, you did it amid taunt and contumely; you never as much as wavered in your devotion; but now the concession is made that you may even be a Democrat and be respectable; while men who have denounced your party with violence, now blandly tell you the issues that hitherto divided you are dead, and invoke you to unite with them under another organization.

'Dead!' What issues are dead? Are they the ones to which you have so tenaciously adhered, amid all this taunt and contumely? Is there one of the issues that you have loved and fought for dead? Have you seen one stricken down and die? The country is prosperous, unprecedentedly so, and yet not one measure for which Whiggery, in times past, so lustily contended has an abiding on the statute book of either this State or the Nation. In triumph there are your measures recorded, and the whole country is a living witness to the beneficence of Democratic policy.

'The issues that divided the old parties are dead, and temperance is the only thing worth contending for; come along with us, cry the Maine Law zealots, many of whom, undoubtedly, sucked hard cider in the drunken coon-skin orgie of 1849, with an

unction. Such men should be the rampant advocates of extreme doctrines on the temperance question, after throwing their influence in favor of the drunken debauch of 1840. Why is this language used? It is as false as any ever coined within the mint of Hades. The Democratic issues live in actual force, while the issues of the opposition lie in perdition ready to spring thence and clutch the ascendancy the moment an opportunity offers. As long as truth and error exist in this world, so long will a vigilant watchfulness be requisite to keep in the ascendant Democratic principles and measures. Did these men say to the Democrat, 'Your measures are now in active force, and the Whigs wage no open warfare upon them,' it would be speaking the language of truthfulness.

What? Ask Democrats to unite with you under another organization, when they are just exemplifying the efficacy of their measures, and defending them against overthrow. Could impudence go farther? We like not the spirit of the miser; but the Democrat should clutch his principles as tenaciously, and stand by his measures as immovably as does the miser his hoarded wealth. The blight of Anti-Democracy rests upon Europe, and we trust that no Democrat will suffer himself to be misled into that, by these false lights, which will entail upon this country a similar political mildew. Desert not the old Democratic ship that has sailed along so steadily and so safely, for a frail bark that will strand you upon the barren coast of Whiggery.

The Contest at Hand!

Democratic fellow citizens, for the last time, as Saturday is the day of the primary meetings; we must say, prepare your batteries for the conflict, which will be upon you after that day. The enemy will be busily engaged, and with the use of foul play which they are using in other places, may be resorted to here. Whigs want to be very cunning, at least some of them, they will work every ingenuity to get demerits of their guard. Democrats, make selection of candidates of your choice and we can assure victory will be perched on your banner as usual. Remember it is principles not men, that you are struggling for, and as the Ohio Patriot truly says:

Principles—Not Men.

This has always been a cardinal maxim of the Democratic party: *We vote for principles, not for men.* Even if the men of our choice have not been selected—even if our personal feelings are averse to some of the successful nominees—even if one or more of them should be personally obnoxious to us, still it is our duty to support them, and to use our influence to secure their election. If the principles advocated by our party be correct, and they be essential to the progress and interests of the 'greatest number,' to the perpetuity of the blessings of liberty and equality, and their transmission to posterity, as we firmly believe them to be, then it is our imperative duty, if we wish to advance those principles, if we wish to see them successful, to support the nominees of the party.

No creed, no doctrine, no principles can succeed without organization and united efforts on the part of those who desire their success. The Democratic party is organized with a view to the advancement of men but of the glorious principles of freedom and equal rights; and this organization to be effective, must be kept up and supported. In doing so, we are sometimes called upon to sacrifice our personal feelings, and keeping the great object in view, we should do so cheerfully and without a murmur. Let it not be said that the noble Democracy of old Columbiana suffered themselves to be humbugged and driven from the support of this Ticket and their Principles, in this pre-eminently important contest. Democrats of Columbiana, we invoke you to unite, harmonious and energetic ACTION!

We feel highly gratified upon learning that our esteemed friend J. HARVEY DAVIS, has been appointed to a high position on the West Newton and Conneville road. Success Harvey, hoping that you may ever be prosperous. The Bucyrus Forum, has the following: We are pleased to see, as we do by the following that our friend J. HARVEY DAVIS, has received the appointment to an important post on the Pittsburgh and Conneville Railroad. Mr. Davis is well qualified to fill the place with credit to himself and profit to the company. We also, see that friend RUPESILL is appointed assistant engineer in Mr. D.'s Corps. Success to you gentlemen. The Pittsburgh Post of the 6th inst., speaking of this road says:

The fourth corps of engineers has been organized, and will leave on Monday next, for the scene of their labors, between West Newton and Conneville. The corps consists of the following gentlemen: J. Harvey Davis, Senior Assistant Engineer; Sidney M. Morgan, James Morris and H. J. Rudisell, Assistant Engineer; and Charles Richspfan, Topographer.

The New York Express states that important disclosures have recently been made at Washington, respecting a long continued series of frauds in the issue of land warrants and bounties. The parties to the fraud are, the head to a bureau at Washington, a clerk in his employ, and a broker in New York city. Washington parties have already made about \$68,000 out of the operation. We trust they will be punished as they deserve.

THE GREYNA GREEN OF THE WEST.

Last week, fifteen couple of fugitive lovers found their way to old Squire Shelton, at Aberdeen, Brown county, Ohio, and were united in the bands of matrimony.

Two gigantic Giraffes, arrived at New York a few days since, one 17 and the other 15 feet high.

MARSEILLES AGAIN.—Indeed we feel thrice thankful to the citizens of that vicinity for their efforts in behalf of our paper, and we will endeavor in a few days to make the necessary arrangements to have the paper reach there at the earliest moment possible after being published. Will not the friends of the paper in other portions of the county take hold and do something? We are waiting the result.

The Democratic Mirror, of Marion has fallen into the hands of our young friend P. DOMBAUGH, lately connected with the Bucyrus Forum. The Mirror is greatly improved. Bro. KNAPP continues as editor.

Now is the time to have your pictures taken. Mr. SMITH, a fine artist has opened a room at Mr. PIERSON'S Hotel.—Give him a call.

Letter from the Editor.

New Lisbon, Aug. 6, 1853.

Dear Bro:—The weather has been very bad for the farmers' harvesting, and the harvest in this region of country is rather later than yours. The rains have been coming down much after the fashion it rained the day we left your town. But after we got into the cars our trip was pleasant enough; as the rain could not reach us. Mr. Atkinson and I arrived at Clyde long enough before the Cleveland cars got in, took dinner and then visited a Sabbath school celebration; had some good fair, sweet music, and then returned to our hotel and remained until the cars came along. But I forgot to tell you, friend Tyler, of Wyandot, was with us. We arrived at about 8 o'clock in the evening, in time to hear a great hurrahing at a meeting to ratify a nomination for judge. After getting supper, we went to the theatre, and we saw performed the "French Spy," a very good play. An infant, 4 years old, gave us some music on the drum that excelled any we ever heard.

To-day, in this famous city, a convention of the people was called. The convention assembled in the Protestant Methodist Church, in obedience to the call, in numbers of fifty or one hundred, half the number to hear and the other half to get up a mangled ticket of free-soilers, abolitionists and Maine liquor law men, as one of the party expressed, for the purpose of defeating the d—n locofoco ticket. They will have good time in defeating the locofoco ticket in old Columbiana. The "people" had rather a rich time at this convention. Motions, explanations and objections were the order of the day.—Some one moved that a certain person be appointed one of the committee of vigilance, or something else, when objections were raised because the one named was not a temperance man. But these objections were rich; for it was said that the very men who laid the platform and framed the resolutions, for the convention were generally pretty good drinkers, and that two of them would have flasks in their hats before morning. The free-soilers almost universally objected to taking any part in the convention; and I really believe that not over "six, eight, ten or a dozen" voted or took any part in the convention. This was one of the farces of the times. One of the speakers was eloquent and sublimely ridiculous. He remarked that the battle about to be fought would take harder fighting than did the battles of '76. What a contest this is to be! The man who offered a resolution to compel the party to stick to their ticket and use "private" means, probably money, for the success of the ticket, will undoubtedly subscribe a *sixpence*. Who cares for expenses?

The only excitement about here at present, is caused by lady equestrians, who are practicing and preparing for the Fair. The premium for the best rider is a gold watch, appraised at \$80. I would like to witness the riding at the fair, as I believe from what I hear, some of the ladies in this section of country are very fine equestrians. Should the successful lady be single, she will no doubt have many suitors, and were I here at the time, I know not but I should make proposal, as such a lady would make a good companion crossing the plains to California. The only other qualification necessary for buffalo hunting, would be a little practice with pistol and gun.

CRYSTAL PALACE.—The stock of this concern droops in the New York market, and unless the rush of visitors greatly increases, the expenditure of half a million will hardly remunerate.

It is a comic feature in Exhibition, that soap in 'infinite variety'—including busts of Clay, Polk, &c.,—and a thousand specimens of Daguerreotype portraits, are among the ludicrous features of the American Department.

The N. York Herald thus describes the contents of the translation from the Mammoth Cave of Kenton:

"Among the products of this great cave, are said to be fish without eyes, a few of which are on exhibition. They are preserved in alcohol, which gives them a white color, but their appearance is said to be somewhat similar. Upon a minute examination of the largest fish exhibited we were unable to distinguish any eyes, or any place for them. The head of the appears perfect in every respect, excepting the visual organs. The largest of the specimens exhibited is three inches long, and its shape appearance is more like a catfish than anything else that we can compare it to of the finny tribe. With this in associated another kind of the piscatory inhabitants of this cave, which has the appearance of a crawfish or lobster, but very small, not weighing more than half an ounce. Besides these are curiosities of stalactite and stalagmite from the subterranean wonder."

For the Pioneer.

A Wolf in Sheep's Clothing.
Noticed in a late number of the "Western Missionary," a weekly Journal published in Tiffin City, a senseless rhyme, written under the head "Reflections," and said to have been suggested to the mind of the writer, (who subscribes himself, Jonathan,) upon reading an inscription, on a tombstone, in the grave yard of this place.

The productions of the wonderful reflective powers of this highly poetical genius, insipid and unmeaning as they are, would not have been worthy of notice, were it not for the prominence of a falsehood in the very outset. Regardless alike of the feelings of the living, and the quiet repose of the dead, it was not sufficient for this cowardly, bigoted hypocrite to attempt to stigmatize the name (of one who is no longer here to defend himself,) by scribbling such foul slang as characterizes his verse, but he must publish a *lie*—a villainous falsehood, conceived and matured, as I believe, in his own depraved heart. He claims to have been informed that the verse, (which was a stumbling block to his faith,) was directed to be inscribed upon the Tomb by the one whose remains are there deposited. This is false, such request was never made or thought of during his lifetime. The verse was selected by myself from a poem written by one Robert Burns, and directed to be inscribed upon the tomb since his death, and I disregard the opinions of all who may feel at liberty to pass like remark upon it. It is my belief that this Jonathan never received such information as he asserts, and if it is possible that he did, his informant must be like himself, entirely destitute of the principles of honor and truth.

This poor miserable and cowardly villain, assassin like, skulking under covert of an Incongruity, thus attempts to assail the character of a man, whose deeds of humanity alone, would drive him with shame into the darkest corner of God's creation, has revealed a heart as replete with calumny and venom as his dear old Satan with whom he seeks to frighten the world. Jonathan, your pharisaical pretensions, and hollow hearted prayers will no longer hide your loathsome form or hideous heart.

J. AYRES.

Western Missionary will please copy.

Import of the Foreign News.

It appears, from the advices by the Niagara that the Autocrat is not unwilling to accept one of the late propositions offered by England and France. What the proposition is, however, is not told. We are therefore unable to say whether Czar backs out, or whether that mortification falls to the lot of his antagonists. The probabilities are that England is the one that yields. The London journals have all along foretold an amicable adjustment to these difficulties. Their assurance of peace appeared to no incompatible with the pretensions of Russia, but they seem to have known what they were talking about, since they knew that, if the Autocrat did not yield, England would.—"Turn out," cried a bulky fellow, driving a sleigh through a narrow pass, to the driver of an equipage in an opposite direction, "turn out, or I'll—." The other character, instead of being intimidated, drew coolly up, handed his reins to a companion, and assuming a fighting attitude, answered "What will you do?" "Oh why I'll turn out then," was the meek retort, as the late bully suited the action to the word. The anecdote is old, but pat to the occasion. And now, since Russia will not be bullied, will not turn aside, England does it. In knowing this determination of England, the London press had the advantage of us and could, therefore, predict with certainty that there would be no war.

England, we think, has made a blunder. The difficulty respecting Turkey has only been postponed, and must return, some day, in a new shape. If there were any prospect of England being more able, at that time, to resist the Czar than he is now this adjournment of the controversy would be, perhaps, wise. But the probabilities are all the other way. England, so long as she retains her greatness, will be a creditor kingdom and while she is a creditor kingdom, her merchants will be as averse to war as present. But when she ceases to be a creditor kingdom, she will have ceased to be great, and consequently will be far less able to check Russian aggression. Moreover, she had the certainty of aid from France, which when the question returns again, she may be without. The preservation of Turkey is more her quarrel than that of Louis Napoleon. It will always be the interest of England to defeat the Sultan, because in maintaining him she keeps the door to India closed. But, in the changes of politics, it may eventually become the interest of France to open the door to India, and in that event, the preservation of Turkey, in *statu quo*, will be one of last things for which Louis Napoleon will fight. Under these circumstances, the timorous conduct of England, in the present controversy, appear to us to be "penny wise and pound foolish."

RAILWAY DISASTER.—Baltimore, August 12.—The train from Cumberland for Baltimore ran off the track yesterday evening seven miles above Berkley depot. The engine, tender and baggage car were smashed, also the smoking car. The fireman was killed, and the engineer badly injured. The passengers escaped without injury.

The corner stone of a new monastery was laid in Birmingham, adjoining Pittsburgh, on Sunday last, in the presence of 5,000 people.

Matters in and about Washington.
On the 9th inst., official dispatches relative to the Kosta affair were received at both the State and Navy Departments.—They confirm the statements, already published, and so far from the natives and resident foreigners at Smyrna being indignant at Captain Ingraham's course, the greatest enthusiasm exists there among all class because of his gallant conduct. The question of Kosta's citizenship is not made an issue by them. They applaud the course of the American commander, because it is in accordance with the dictates of humanity, and because the most sacred rights of hospitality had been violated in the case of the subject of Austrian oppression.

The papers represent the Austrian forces in the harbor to have been greater than supposed heretofore. In addition to the Hussar, the Austrians had a twelve-gun brig and four small semi-official steamers, mounting four gun each, which were increased to eight during the night. Still the Captain of the St. Louis had no misgivings of the result. His guns were all loaded up, and had the interference of the diplomats been postponed a little longer, he would have dropped astern the Austrian force, and attacked the whole of them with unflinching confidence.

A letter now before us, from a midshipman to his father in this city, gives a rapid account of the affair; describes the enthusiasm on board the St. Louis, and the excitement in the crowd that lined the shore; but expressed the greatest confidence in the stars and stripes floating over a glorious victory, had the Austrians not given in.

GLEANNINGS.

A brig has arrived at Washington from Leghorn, with a cargo of statuary for the Capital.

Gov. McKimland, Secretary of the Interior, has returned from his visit to Michigan, and is now at his post.

Zing One of a very superior quality, and in great abundance, has been found in the vicinity of Batesville, Arkansas.

The cotton factory at Wethersfield, Upper Falls, Vermont, was destroyed by an incendiary. Loss \$25,000; insured for \$11,000.

The total length of the Mobile and Ohio Railroad, from the city of Mobile to the junction of the Ohio and Mississippi, will be 494 miles.

Cape Ann Fishermen.—About 100 sail of vessel left Cape Ann, this season, for the North East fishing grounds, manned by 1200 men.

There is no canvass in the Fifth Congressional District of North Carolina, Mr. Kerr, Whig, having no competition. Last year he was defeated as candidate for Governor.

Cholera.—At the last advices from Denmark; several cases of cholera had occurred at Copenhagen. The United States Minister had proceeded to Elsinore.

The total majority for the Maine Law, in Michigan, is computed at 18,000. Every county but one gave a majority for the law.

About 1,500 troops are soon to be moved from the Atlantic ports from the Rio Grande, not a very inviting trip, considering the yellow fever along the line.

The Governor and Council have taken time by the fore-lock this year, and appointed Thursday, Nov. 24th, as Thanksgiving day.

It is said that Grisi and Marie refused to start on their musical excursion to the United States till \$20,000 are paid them in advance.

The Falls of Niagara are about being made useful. A company from Boston, it is stated, have erected a mill there, and will presently engage extensively in the manufacture of satin cloth.

Rev. John Sharpe undertook to preach respecting the doctrines of the Catholic Church in Ohio City last Sabbath, but such a row was raised that he had to stop.

Lewis Cass says: The fact is indisputable that England went to war with Burma, and annihilated her political existence for the non-payment of a disputed demand of £900.

The yellow fever has made its appearance at Mobile, Ala., and Warrington, Fla., and threatens to spread generally through the southern cities.

There has been a strike among the hand laboring on the canal at the "Soo," for higher wages. They demand an increase of six dollars a month.

It is understood that the "Provisional" State Committee of the bolting Democrats, of the last year's Massachusetts Democratic State Convention propose to call a separate convention this year.

The First Tobacco freighted over the Pacific Railroad of Missouri arrived at St. Louis on Saturday week from Franklin county, Mo. The road is expected to be of great value to the tobacco growers of that State.

Order in New York.—During last week on less than seventy-five rowdies were committed to the penitentiary by a single police magistrate in New York city, for terms of imprisonment from three to six months, under the vagrant act.

The Pittsburgh Gazette says, that on Monday last, the Lightning Express Train on the Ohio and Pennsylvania Road, commenced running on their new time table, and that 100 passengers from Cincinnati reached there in 13 hours and 52 minutes. The distance from Mansfield—175 miles—was made in six hours.

The Zanesville Courier says, that on Sunday last, Rev. Mr. Bowerman announced to his congregation—the English Lutheran—that investigation and credulity had convinced him that the doctrines he had hitherto preached were not correct, and that Universalism was the true doctrine. It is supposed he will continue in the city, and preach to the Universalist Church there.

The Supreme Court of Illinois have made a decision which will enable the Illinois Central Railroad Company to proceed in the construction of its road. The lower Court had refused to appoint appraisers to assess damages where right of way refused, on the ground that the Company having failed to locate its track previous to January 1st, 1852, had no power to do so now. This decision the Supreme Court reversed.

The Dayton Journal says that Messrs. J. Harshman, V. Winters, and J. R. Young, proprietors of the Exchange Bank in that place, have purchased the principal part of the stock in the Eaton Exchange Bank, and will hereafter exercise a controlling influence in its management. They intend to give special attention to the regular and legitimate local business of Eaton and vicinity.

All manner of luxuries are now to be had at the mines of California, which are in this respect vastly changed. Fresh meats, milk, vegetables in abundance, good bread and beer, and even champagne, are to be had in abundance. People dress and look decently. There are plenty of hotels.

Arthur Napoleon, a Portuguese boy, aged only nine years, has attracted great attraction as a musical prodigy. He performs the pieces of Thalberg, Prudent, Huzar, and many other composers, with wonderful taste and skill. He has played before the Portuguese court, and also before the Emperor and Empress and of the French.

Another Monster Tree.—A late number of the San Francisco Herald says.—It is reported that a great tree has been found in Crane's Flat, thirty miles from Mokelumne Hill, which measured nearly forty feet in diameter. This is considerably larger than the one discovered near Murphy's diggings.

The value of goods imported into the city of New York for seven months of the present year is \$115,035 00, being an increase of \$42,725 00 over the same months of the preceding year. In the same time the increase of exports has been only \$9,284 00.

San Francisco.—The population of San Francisco is now 60,000. Six years ago, the California Star announced its population as being 321 males and 138 females. This increase is unprecedented.

Contracts for Coal.—The Cumberland Miners' Journal says that George's Creek Coal and Iron Company have made important contracts with the U. S. Government and the great steamship owner, Mr. Cunard, for the delivery of their coal.

The Board of Supervising Inspectors held a meeting at Pittsburgh last week, commencing on the 1st, and adjourning on the 5th inst. Their next meeting will be held in this city, commencing on the first Thursday of November next.

The New York Independent, a Congressional paper, ventures the assertion that four fifths of the earnest-minded youngmen of the present day, are skeptical even of the great historical facts of Christianity.

A gang of robbers has been discovered in Bartholomew county, Ia., at the head of which was Dr. H. B. Smoley, hitherto of unblemished reputation, and a member of the Church.

A Woman's Rights Convention, called by Lucretia Mott, Lucy Stone, etc, is to be held in New York city on the 6th and 7th of September.

Hon. N. Teague, editor and proprietor of the Liberia Herald, and who has filled several high offices in the Liberia Republic, died in that country on the 21st of May last.

Dodds, the portrait painter says, the reason tom-cats are so musical, is because they are all fiddle-strings inside. Hand us that old boot—seat, you night-brawlers.

The shade trees in Boston and Springfield; Mass., have been much injured by the gas which escapes from the main pipes laid near their roots.

A Sheep girdling nine feet, with fine wool 35 inches long, has been sent to the World's Fair, from Erie, Penn.

The commissioners for Maine have agreed to purchase all the Massachusetts lands in Maine for \$332,500.

Good cooks and general servants are in great demand in Australia, and good needle-women will at all times do well.

The Victoria and Albert yacht will now make use of anthracite coal, so that no smoke or ashes will issue from the funnel.

Blacks in Portland.—The Portland (Me.) Argus states that the colored population of that city are decreasing year by year.

The English system of prepaying letters by stamps commenced in Portugal on the 1st instant.

The Emperor of Russia has entered upon his 58th year.

Holland has lost one of her best historians, M. De Jonghe, at the age of 60.

Mr. Bryant, the poet, has received the LL. D. from Union College, Schenecady.

The vine crop at Tenerife are injured by a blight.

The price of gas in Pittsburgh has been reduced to \$1.80 per thousand feet.

MANNERS OF THE TURKS.—In a new work just published in England, entitled "Bambles in Southern Slavonia," by Neigebaur, a German traveller is the following description of an incident, illustrative of the manners of the Turks:—

Landing at a grave, he found, for the first time in all his travelling experience, on officious hands ready to seize his baggage. A few paces off, in front of a tavern, sat several Turkish porters smoking their long pipes. The Doctor doubtless looked helpless enough, standing beside his portmanteau, but not one of them rose to offer his services.

"Will no one can a piece of money?" I at last called out to the smokers, as observed that my writing was likely to lend to no other result than "carrying my own baggage."

"All of us, willingly!" replied the porters, almost with one voice, but without stirring from their seats. "But which of us shall serve you? Whom do you wish?"

"Come who will!" was my reply.

The porters puffed hard at their pipes and looked at each other insidiously. At last one of them, seemingly the oldest, spoke. Alili," he said, "have you had a job to-day?"

"No," was the reply of a slender young Moor, attired in a white turban, white jerkin, and large red trousers:

"Then carry the gentleman's baggage," rejoined the other; and the rose from his stone seat to take possession of my portmanteau.

As active now as he had previously seemed apathetic, Alili led he way to Zadiana (literally the Building, *par excellence*), a hotel which may vie with the best in Europe as regards structure and appearance, but where Dr. Neigebaur had great difficulty in finding one to attend to his wants.

A most touching case, illustrative of conjugal love, occurred at our wharf a few days since. A man and his wife were coming up the river, when the husband took sick and was supposed to have died. When they arrived at this city, the wife had a coffin purchased, and her husband was deposited in that last home of the dead. Just before the moment of closing the coffin, however, and the final interment of the deceased, the bereaved and agonized wife insisted upon once more looking upon and embracing the cold remains of the deceased partner of her bosom. Whether it was her warm embrace or returning consciousness, certain it is that the supposed corpse suddenly evinced signs of life, and the proper restoratives being applied, within twenty-four hours the invalid was enabled to proceed on his journey, with every prospect of a speedy recovery, owing his life to the untiring devotion and love of his true and faithful wife.—*Memphis Appeal.*

The Director of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia has issued a circular, inviting artists, engravers, &c., to furnish new designs for the silver coinage of the United States. A liberal compensation is offered for the best three designs which may be furnished.

A Mr. Henry Seaton was instantly killed by endeavoring to jump out of the window of a car at the Hackensack bridge N. J., on Monday last. A rumor spread through the cars that the draw was open, which occasioned quite an excitement, and the passengers endeavored to escape from the car, and in doing so, Mr. Seaton was killed. The draw was all right.

The emigration to Oregon this year is computed at 10,000. This, added to the 30,000 already there, with the natural increase, will make the present population about 45,000. Oregon will soon claim admission to the Union.

A very heavy rain fell in New Jersey and in the vicinity of New York City on Friday night and Saturday last, raising the streams, causing numerous slides, and delaying travel on the railways for a few hours.

The St. Louis News says that the western end of the Ohio and Mississippi Railroad is in such state of forwardness, for ninety or twenty miles, that with very little labor it will be ready for the rails.

Letters from Havana state that the cholera and yellow fever are both raging in Cuba. The troops in Havana were dying in great numbers of the fever. Another cargo of four hundred and fifty slaves had been landed on the northern coast.

The Lafayette (La.) Courier says that the discovery has just been made that there is no law in that State respecting the observance of the Sabbath, and that business can be transacted upon Sunday as lawfully as upon any other day.

The firing of the great guns at Chobham, has been heard at Aylesbury, a distance nearly 40 miles by road. A straight line, however, drawn between Aylesbury and Chobham cannot be less than 25 or 30 miles, and artillery can be heard at that distance.